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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS, RO

SUBJ: VISA FACILITATION

REF: STATE 259451

1. EMBASSY WISHES EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS RE VISA FACILITATION AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. WHILE RECOGNIZING VALIDITY OF DEPARTMENT'S WISH TO TIE ANNOUNCEMENT TO COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETINGS, GIVEN LONG DELAY AND EVER-INCREASING GOR PRESSURE FOR FORWARD MOVEMENT, EMBASSY DECIDED TO INFORM MFA CONSULAR DIRECTORATE ON OCT 26 AT MEETING BETWEEN CONSULAR DIRECTOR BADESCU AND CONSOFFS. BADESCU'S RECEPTION OF INFO WAS GENERALLY NONCOMMITAL AND DISPASSIONATE. HE RAISED A NUMBER OF POINTS WHICH ARE AMPLIFIED IN FOLLOWING PARAS. CONSOFFS ALSO RECEIVED A NEW LIST OF MFA APPROVALS (SEE SEPTTEL).

2. BADESCU WISHED TO CLARIFY WHO COVERED BY "B-1" CLASSIFICATION, SINCE THIS TERM RATHER RESTRICTED IN ROMANIAN. WE ESTABLISHED THAT THIS INCLUDED BUSINESS-MEN, CERTAIN SPORTS TEAMS, PERSONS NOT ON AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM WHO ARE TRAVELING TO CONSULT WITH COLLEAGUES. (EMBASSY WISHES REITERATE U.S. AND ROMANIAN VISA SCHEDULES IN NO WAY COMPARABLE.) BADESCU PROMISED TO MAKE RECIPROCAL PROPOSAL IN NEAR FUTURE.

3. IN CONTEXT ABOVE, BADESCU RAISED TWO OTHER POINTS
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ABOUT WHICH HE FELT STRONGLY. FIRST, HE WISHED TO HAVE
SOME WRITTEN AGREEMENT CONCERNING VISAS FOR OFFICIALS
ATTENDING INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES OR OTHERWISE
TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. IN OTHER WORDS, HE
WISHED OUR "VISAS HORSE" PROCEDURES TO BE CODIFIED
BETWEEN GOR
AND U.S. SO THAT ROMANIAN OFFICIALS IN
PARIS OR ANYWHERE WHO DECIDE TO ATTEND A CONGRESS IN
THE U.S. WILL AUTOMATICALLY HAVE THEIR VISAS GRANTED
WITHOUT ANY DELAY. HE HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT AMEMBASSY
BUCHAREST VISA ISSUANCE PROCEDURES IN THIS AREA.
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